Rec'd July 20
Ans'd Sept 1
& Sept 13

918 N. 12th st. Phila. Pa
July 17, 1866.

Dr. George Engelmann, -
Dear Sir, -

If you will pardon this liberty of an entire stranger to you, I would be much pleased if you would give me some information concerning the route or routes from your city westward across the plains to California.

I am somewhat acquainted with the botany of this section & have long expressed a desire to know something of the wild plants of the more frequented regions of East Cal^a, Nevada, &c. and shall probably next Spring (if not deemed unworthy of the task I am seeking at the Univer. of Penn.) visit the states named to remain perhaps some years.

Can you tell me in what manner I can make my way across the plains, what equipments I will need, & what the probable cost will be? I do not care how much time is occupied in the passage if anything can be gained by it in the way of plants.

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Does the mail route afford a passage? Are there any Emigrant-trains from St. Louis? In what-season of the year is it best to go?

If not taxing your Kindness too much I would be much gratified if you would answer my questions and give me any further information that you may deem necessary to your time will allow; While in return for your Kindness I can only say I will try not to forget you when in Nevada.

Are there any plants in Eastern Penn or N. Jersey that you would like to have?

Respectfully Yours.

Benj. F. Sawmans.

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Dr. Geo. Engelmann

St. Louis.

Missouri.

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Dr B F. Sourman

Rec'd Sept 15

918 N. 12th st. Phila
Sept. 8. 1866.

Dr. Engelmann;

Dear Sir,-

Your favor of the 1st inst. received last evening. Permit me to thank you for the careful ~~inquiries~~ to my inquiries.

Pray do not further discommode yourself to obtain additional information, though if you think proper I shall be much pleased to receive it. I think from the information sent I can make my way across the plains with no more than the ordinary difficulties.

With Respect-
Yours Truly.
Benj. F. Sandman.

To
Dr. Geo. Engelmann
St. Louis, Miss.

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Recd Oct 16

918 N. 12th st, St Louis.
October 11, 1866.

Dr. Engelmann.

Dear Sir, -

Yours of the 13th ultimo inclosing Dr. Parry's letter of information, was received a few days ago on my return to town. I am again indebted to you for your continued kindness to me, on entire strangers, for which permit me to return you my thanks.

When writing to your friend, Dr Parry, you would confer a favor by conveying to him my obligations for the care he has evinced in his information respecting travel on the western plains.

Very Respectfully Yours
Benj. F. Sauermann.

Dr. George Engelmann
St. Louis Missouri

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